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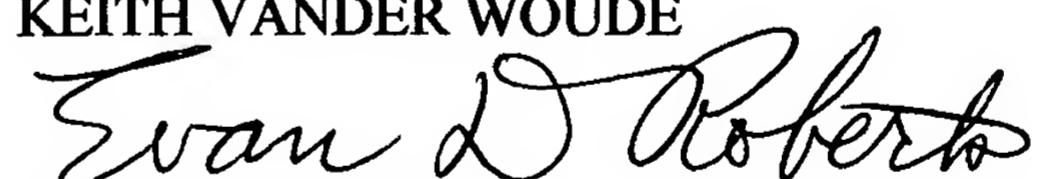
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 09/08/2004 and interview with the Examiner, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Amended) A portable post support comprising a body of a certain height, said body having a bottom adapted to be supported on a generally horizontal support surface and a chamber opening upwardly from said body for receiving and retaining flowable ballast material into said body chamber, said body having a body top portion extending across the opening of said chamber of said body and having a vertical central support conduit adapted for supporting a post there through toward said body bottom, a body top cover, means for securing said body top cover to said body top portion, post securing means on said body bottom within said body chamber for securing a

post to said body bottom, said body top portion having a separate opening means spaced from said [central] chamber opening thereof to allow the flowable ballast material to be passed there through into the chamber of said body, said body cover has an under surface adapted to rest on said body top portion for covering said body top portion when placed thereon, said cover having a central opening there through to receive a post there through and securing means in said body top cover and said body top portion for securing said body cover to said body top portion comprises a cam edge on said body top portion within said top opening, a cam surface inclined toward said body bottom, an aperture adapted to receive a certain protrusion, a restraining projection extending at an acute angle from said body cover under surface, and a protrusion extending from said cover under surface toward said restraining projection, said restraining projection having an upper surface facing said cover under surface and said protrusion, said protrusion being adapted to engage and detent into said cam edge opening when said body cover is placed on said body top portion and rotated about said top portion support opening to move said protrusion toward said inclined cam edge between said restraining projection and said cover protrusion forcing said cover protrusion into said incline aperture whereby said cover will be restrained on said body top portion to secure said body cover to said body top portion for retaining said cover on said body whereby when the flowable ballast material is placed in said body chamber said body will tend to support a post positioned within said body and secured to said bottom of said body.

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